



September 14, 2010

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re : *Notification of Ex Parte Presentation*
 *ET Docket Nos. 04-186 & 02-380***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of DIRECTV, the undersigned spoke by telephone with Louis Peraertz, Acting Legal Advisor, Office of Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, on September 13th regarding issues raised in its Petition for Reconsideration and Clarification in the above-referenced dockets.¹ In particular, DIRECTV urged the Commission to extend the protections afforded to cable headend facilities to direct broadcast satellite (“DBS”) local receive facilities. Like cable headends, DBS local receive facilities are used to acquire local broadcast signals for distribution, and are thus exposed to the same interference risks as cable. DIRECTV reiterated its position that the Commission should clarify or expand the definition of protected headends to make clear that facilities of all MVPDs, not just cable systems, are covered under the new rules. In addition, the Commission should allow registration of local receive facilities within broadcast TV stations’ protected contours to provide necessary interference protections.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

/s/
Stacy Fuller
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

cc: Louis Peraertz

¹ See Petition for Clarification and Reconsideration of DIRECTV, Inc. and DISH Network, LLC, ET Docket Nos. 04-186, 02-380 (filed Mar. 19, 2009); *see also* Comments in Support of Petitions for Reconsideration of DIRECTV, Inc., ET Docket Nos. 04-186, 02-380 (filed May 8, 2009).